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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 14-17 are new. The applicants respectfully request examination of this application on the merits.


In response to the election requirement, the applicants elect the species of Fig. 10. The claims that read on the species of claim 10 are at least 1 and 13-17. The election requirement is traversed insofar as it states that no claim is generic. At least claim 1 is considered to be generic.

Claims 14-17 are new dependent claims that depend on claim 13. Claims 14-17 recite features of the sixth embodiment, which corresponds to the fifth species listed in the election requirement and to the apparatus of Figs. 10-14B.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request examination on the merits. If questions relating to patentability occur, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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